

# VBEST NOTES

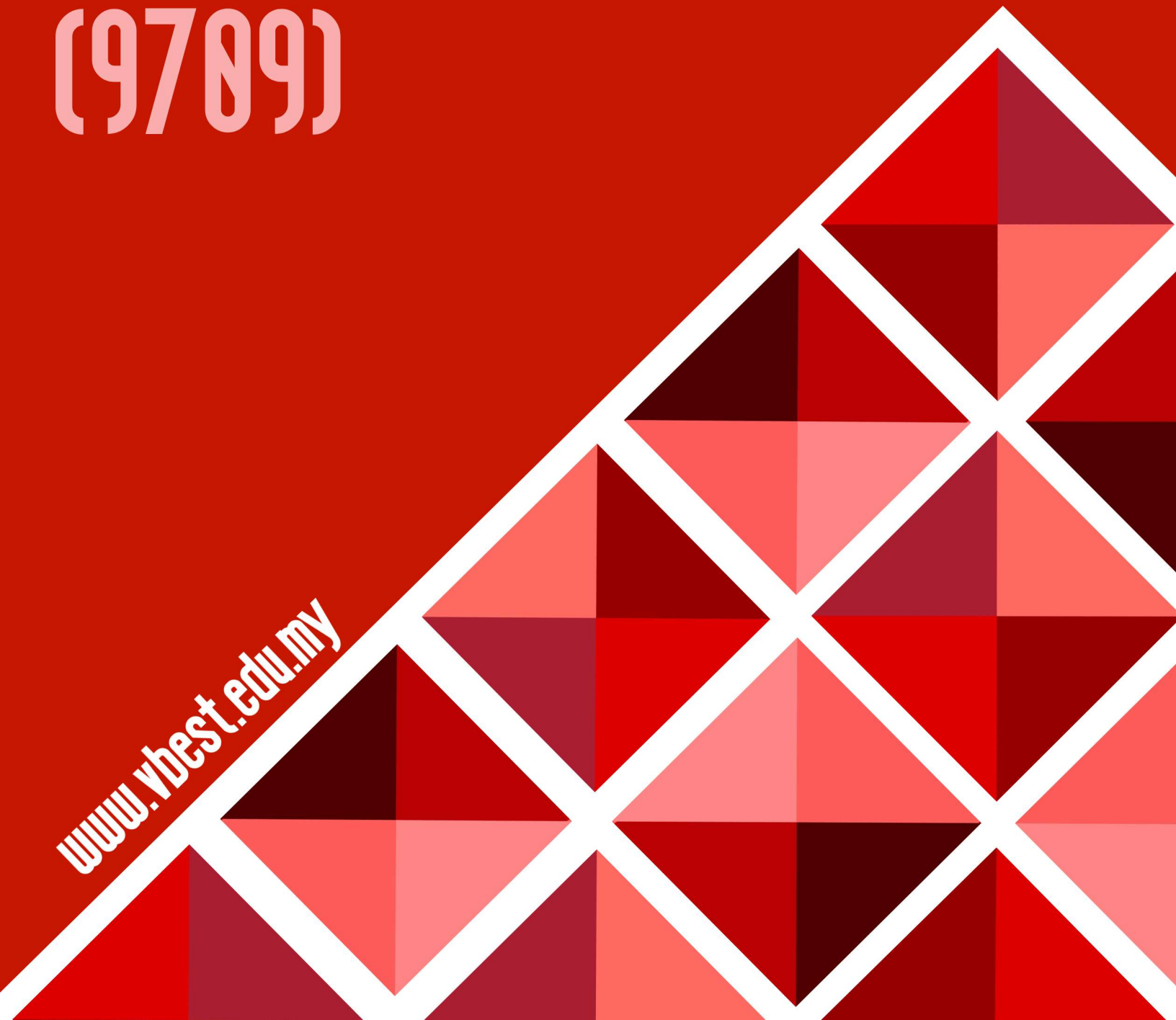


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## A2 STATISTICS 2

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# Statistics

- Poisson distribution
- Linear combinations of random variables
- Continuous random variables
- Sampling and estimation
- Hypothesis testing

# Chapter 1 : Poisson Distribution

a) Poisson distribution

$X \sim P_0(\lambda)$ , where  $\lambda$  represents constant average rate

$$P(X = x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} \quad x = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \text{ to infinity}$$

Eg:  $X \sim P_0(2)$

$$\text{i) } P(X=4) = \frac{(e^{-2})(2^4)}{4!} = 0.9022$$

$$\text{ii) } P(X > 4) = 1 - e^{-2} \left( 1 + 2 + \frac{2^2}{2!} + \frac{2^3}{3!} + \frac{2^4}{4!} \right) = 0.0527$$

mean and variance are both the  $\lambda$  value

b) Poisson distribution as an approximation to the binomial distribution

$$X \sim B(n, p); X \sim P_0(\lambda)$$

$$\mu = np \quad \mu = \lambda$$

$$\therefore np = \lambda$$

Eg:  $X \sim B(80, 0.10)$

$$80 \times 0.10 = 8 \quad X \sim P_0(8)$$

$$P(X < 2) = e^{-8} \left( 1 + 8 + \frac{8^2}{2!} \right) = 0.01375$$

$X$  can be approximated by  $P_0(np)$  if  $n$  is large,  $p$  is small and  $np > 5$

c) Normal distribution as an approximation to Poisson distribution

$$X \sim P_0(\lambda) \quad ; \quad X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$\text{Var} = npq \quad \text{Var} = \sigma^2$$

Can be approximated if  $\lambda > 15$  (large)

Continuity correction is required since you are using a continuous distribution as an approximation to a discrete distribution

$$\text{Eg: } X \sim P_0(30) \quad P\left(Z \leq \frac{20.5 - 30}{\sqrt{30}}\right)$$

$$P(X \leq 20)$$

$$P(Z \leq -1.734)$$

$$p = 1 - 0.9586 = 0.0414$$



## Chapter 2 : Linear combinations of random variables

### a) Mean and variance

$$E(aX) = a E(X)$$

$$E(aX + b) = a E(X) + b$$

$$\text{Var}(aX) = a^2 \text{Var}(X)$$

$$\text{Var}(aX + b) = a^2 \text{Var}(X)$$

variance is not affected by +b

Eg : The random variable X has mean 20 and variance 4.

i)  $6X + 1$

Mean = 121 and Variance = 25

ii)  $3X - 2$

Mean = 58 and Variance = 10

### b) Sums and differences of independent random variables

$$E(aX \pm bY \pm c) = a E(X) \pm b E(Y) \pm c$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(aX \pm bY \pm c) &= a^2 \text{Var}(X) + (-b)^2 \text{Var}(Y) \\ &= a^2 \text{Var}(X) + b^2 \text{Var}(Y) \end{aligned}$$

Variance is not affected by c and is always added

Eg : X and Y are independent variables such that  $E(X) = 8$ ,  $\text{Var}(X) = 2$ ,  $E(Y) = 10$  and  $\text{Var}(Y) = 3$ . Find the mean and variance of  $3X + 2Y$

Mean :  $3(8) + 2(10) = 44$

Variance :  $3^2(2) + 2^2(3) = 30$

### Independent observation

If random variables are independent there is no square for variance

$$E(X_1 + X_2) = E(X_1) + E(X_2)$$

$$= E(X) + E(X)$$

$$= 2 E(X)$$

$$\text{Var}(X_1 + X_2) = \text{Var}(X_1) + \text{Var}(X_2)$$

$$= \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(X)$$

$$= 2 \text{Var}(X)$$

	$X_1 + X_2$	$2X$
<b>Mean</b>	$E(X_1 + X_2) = 2 E(X)$	$E(2X) = 2 E(X)$
<b>Variance</b>	$\text{Var}(X_1 + X_2) = 2 \text{Var}(X)$	$\text{Var}(2X) = 2^2 \text{Var}(X)$

c) The sum of independent Poisson variables

If  $X \sim P_0(\lambda_1)$  and  $Y \sim P_0(\lambda_2)$  then  $X + Y \sim P_0(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$

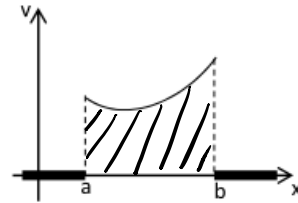
Mean and variance are both  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$

## Chapter 3 : Continuous Random Variable

a) Probability density function

$$P(a < X < b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

Area under the graph = 1



b) Mean and variance

$$\text{Mean : } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$\text{Variance : } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx - \mu^2$$

c) Median and quartiles

If the continuous random variable  $X$  is defined by its probability density function for  $a \leq x \leq b$  then

$$\int_a^m f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \text{ for median}$$

$$\int_a^{q^1} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{4} \text{ for lower quartile}$$

$$\int_a^{q^3} f(x) dx = \frac{3}{4} \text{ for upper quartile}$$

## Chapter 4 : Sampling and estimation

a) Sample mean and variance  $\bar{X}$

$$E(\bar{X}) = \mu$$

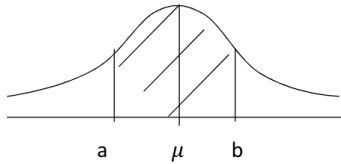
$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

The standard deviation of the distribution of sample is known as standard error  $\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$

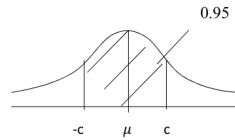
b) Central limit theorem

- If  $X$  is normally distributed then  $\bar{X}$  will also be normally distributed.
- If  $X$  is not normally distributed but  $n$  is large then the distribution of  $\bar{X}$  can be approximately normally distributed.
- When the normal distribution is used as an approximation to a discrete distribution a continuity correction is needed.

### c) Confidence interval



95% confidence interval for  $\mu$  if  $\bar{X} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$



A and B are known as confidence limits

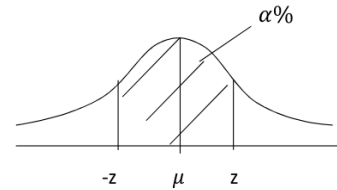
If 100 samples are taken, 95 of the samples are said to **contain** the population mean or  $P(\text{interval contains } \mu) = 0.95$ .

The  $\alpha\%$  of confidence interval

$$\left( \bar{x} - z \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + z \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$$

is

The width of the  $\alpha\%$  confidence interval is  $2 \times z \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$



## Chapter 5 : Hypothesis testing

Null hypothesis  $H_0$  : hypothesis that we assume to be correct unless proven otherwise

Alt hypothesis  $H_1$  : tells us the value of population parameter if our assumption is shown to be wrong

Critical region : the range of values of the test centre state that need you to rejecting  $H_0$

Critical value : boundaries of the critical region

Level of significance : threshold probability that varies depending on nature of the problem

### a) Critical region

Range of values for which you reject the null hypothesis is known as critical region

Eg :

**For a 5% significance level**

i) *Upper tail*: critical value at  $c$ ,

the critical region consists of values greater than or equal to  $c$  such that  $P(X \geq c) < 0.05$

ii) *Lower tail*: critical value at  $c$ ,

the critical region consists of values less than or equal to  $c$  such that  $P(X \leq c) < 0.05$

ii) *Two-tail*: critical value at  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ ,

the critical region consists of values greater than or equal to  $c_1$  such that  $P(X \geq c_1) < 0.025$

and values less than or equal to  $c_2$  such that  $P(X \leq c_2) < 0.025$

## b) Hypothesis testing

Step 1: Define the variable and its distribution

Step 2: State the null hypothesis,  $H_0$  and the alternative hypothesis,  $H_1$

Step 3: State the rejection rule (either a probability statement or critical region)

Step 4: Find whether the test value lies in the critical region by calculating the probability and comparing to significant level.

Step 5: Make your conclusion in statistical terms

One tailed hypothesis

$$H_0: \theta = m$$

$$H_1: \theta > m$$

$$\text{Reject } H_0 \text{ if } P(X \geq x) \leq \alpha \%$$

$$H_0: \theta = m$$

$$H_1: \theta < m$$

$$\text{Reject } H_0 \text{ if } P(X \leq x) \leq \alpha \%$$

Two-tailed hypothesis

$$H_0: \theta = m$$

$$H_1: \theta \neq m$$

$$\text{Reject if } P(X \geq x) \leq \frac{1}{2} \alpha \text{ or } P(X \leq x) \leq \frac{1}{2} \alpha$$

## c) Type I and type II errors

Type I error is made when true  $H_0$  hypothesis is rejected

Type II error is made when false  $H_1$  is rejected

\*To find the probability of a Type II error you must be given a specific value for alternative  $H_1$



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